WEST VIRGINIA BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT COUNCIL

Wednesday, June 17, 2009 @ 9:00 a.m.

The second meeting of the West Virginia Broadband Deployment Council was held in Building 6, Room 6A on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

The following members participated:

Kelley Goes, Chair
Jimmy Gianato
Dr. Jan Fox
Lee Fisher
Michael Keleman
Mike Friloux
Kyle Schafer
B. Keith Fulton
Tony Sereda
Sonia Chambers

Additional participants:

Sarah Smith
Jonathan Caldwell
Mark Polen
Jim Martin, President/CEO, City Net
Brandy Messer, Senator Rockefeller's Office

After a quorum was established Chair Goes welcomed the Council and called the meeting to order.

Business

Chair Goes asked for the approval of the minutes from the May meeting of the Broadband Deployment Council. The Council approved the minutes with no objection.

Next, the Council welcomed new member, Tony Sereda from Motorola. Mr. Sereda replaces Jamie Sullivan. Chair Goes then gave a summary of a meeting she and Jimmy Gianato attended with NTIA regarding what West Virginia is doing in terms of stimulus funding. Chair Goes commented that NTIA was looking at several criteria, including mapping and demand building. They want to see what West Virginia can do and that based on our geographic and demographic challenges, if broadband deployment works in our state, it could work anywhere. Chair Goes also commented that they would focus on healthcare, education and homeland security.

It was also noted that rural broadband deployment was the ultimate goal and applications should be geared to promoting just that. The NTIA is looking for innovation and creativity and that peer review would be a major component in the selection process. All-in-all, Chairs Goes and Jimmy Gianato found the meeting to be very productive and both indicated that West Virginia had a good chance of being a showpiece for broadband deployment.

Mike Friloux asked if the NTIA was going to award money to the state. Chair Goes indicated that no, the state application would compete with other states. B. Keith Fulton added that he knows a lead cyber surgeon from Yale Medical School and works with healthcare systems that utilize broadband, which allows home healthcare to remote areas and offered to contact him if needed.

The next order of business was an update on the contract with Kimball and Connected Nation. It was stated that the scope of work outlines what they will do and that a conference call was set up for the following week to goal set. Michael Keleman asked if "next generation technology" was defined and it was answered no.

Legislative Rules

There was no update.

Subcommittee Reports

There was no update.

Presentations

Mike Friloux, member and Jim Martin, President and CEO, City Net made a presentation "on behalf of a concerned citizen." Mr. Friloux commented that the AARA was a once in a lifetime opportunity for broadband deployment and that broadband is constantly evolving. He discussed, among other things, core challenges to broadband deployment and what the states needs to do for long term success. Mr. Friloux noted that copies of his presentation would be available.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

The next meeting will be noticed for July 16, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting location, call-in number and agenda will be provided prior to the meeting.

With no other business, Michael Keleman moved that the Council adjourn and Tony Sereda seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.